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NEW YORK --The Rev. Willie Allen, a deacon of the Episcopal Church who was arrested seven weeks ago in Bluefields, Nicaragua, for allegedly participating in a demonstration against Cuban presence and influence in Nicaragua, was released Nov. 13, according to reports reaching the office of World Mission at the Episcopal Church Center here.

The charges against Allen have been dropped and he is now back in Bluefields with his family, it was also learned.

However, some of the forty persons arrested with Allen are still being held in prison in Managua.

Allen, 53, was ordained in 1967 together with five other local leaders, in an effort to provide pastoral care to small villages in a wide area around Bluefields, a strong missionary center of the Episcopal Church in Nicaragua.

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